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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 8th November 1958

No. 32(1)-TR/58.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Soda Ash Industry on the basis of an inquiry undertaken by it under Sections 11(e) and 13 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. Its main recommendations are:—

- (i) Protection to the industry should continue for three more years, that is, till 31st December, 1961, and the existing rates of protective duty, standard as well as preferential, should remain in force till that date.
- (ii) Government should take necessary steps at an early date to establish capacity for the manufacture of superior high grade coke.
- (iii) The Railway administration should undertake an examination of the question relating to open wagon movement of salt after taking into account the steps adopted in other countries for the purpose.
- (iv) Arrangements should be made to import light soda ash to the extent of about 37,000 tons in 1958, and heavy soda ash to the extent of about 48,000 tons in 1958, 44,000 tons in 1959 and 7,000 tons in 1960. Apart from ensuring the importation of these quantities, efforts should be made to regulate their arrival and supply in an even manner.

2. Government accept recommendation (i) and will take steps to implement it in due course.

3. Government have taken note of recommendations (ii) to (iv) and steps will be taken to implement them as far as possible

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communication to all concerned and that it be published in the Gazette of India.

S. RANGANATHAN, Secy.

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